

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 9, 2009, the Office considered claims 1-3 and 5-17. With this Response, Applicants amend claim 1 to incorporate the elements of claim 6; cancel claim 6; amend claims 7 and 14 to depend from claim 1 instead of canceled claim 6, and cancel claims 9-11. All claims depend ultimately from claim 1, the only independent claim.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner attaches to the Office Action a Form PTO-1449 from Applicants' IDS filed September 21, 2006, in which the English language Abstract of JP 5-262862 is lined out. The Action states that the lined-out reference was either misidentified or not provided.

In response, Applicants submit that the document was provided, as shown by Applicants' date-stamped mailroom receipt, which is attached hereto. Applicants also respectfully submit that the document was not misidentified. Thus, Applicants submit that the Patent Office misplaced the Abstract and it was therefore not entered into the electronic record for the Examiner's review. Applicants submit herewith a second copy of the Abstract and a new Form PTO-1449 so that the Examiner's consideration of the document can be indicated on the record. No fee is required for this submission, as Applicants are simply providing a second copy because the Patent Office apparently misplaced the first.

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the omission from the prior response.

Claim Objections

The Action objects to claim 9 as being an improper dependent claim for failing to further limit the claim from which it depends.

In response, without agreeing with the Office's characterization, Applicants cancel claim 9 and claims 10 and 11, which depend from claim 9. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) or 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5, and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over, JP 2003-020398. The Office Action rejects claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as allegedly obvious over JP 2003-020398, “optionally” in view of Principles of Polymer Processing text (hereinafter “Principles text”). The Action objects to claims 6, 7, and 14-17 as depending from a base rejected claim, but indicates such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all elements of the base rejected claims.

With this response, Applicants amend claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 6. Applicants note that claim 1 is further amended to clarify the language in view of the amendment and avoid redundancies, as claim 6 modifies the formula for calculating the crystallization enthalpy.

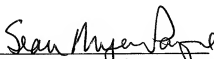
As the Office had indicated the subject matter of claim 6 was allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment renders allowable all pending claims, which now include the elements of previous claim 6.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of the claims. If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to further discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Enclosures:

- Date-stamped mailroom receipt from September 21, 2006
- English language abstract for JP 5-262862
- Form PTO-1449 listing JP 5-262862